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In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/618,037) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 17, 2000) Examiner: D. Reip
For: SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR)
CERVICAL PLATE)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (with the changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

1. ~~538.~~ (Twice Amended) A plate system adapted for use in the anterior human cervical

spine for contacting the anterior aspect of at least two cervical vertebral bodies,

said plate system comprising:

a plate having a longitudinal axis and a length sufficient to span a disc space and overlap portions of at least two adjacent cervical vertebral bodies, a lower surface for placement against the cervical vertebral bodies and an upper